

## Application for Multi-Court Exemption from the Judicial Conference's Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fees

1.) I am requesting an exemption from fees for public access to electronic case records for the courts selected below:

### Courts of Appeal

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Courts of Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> Seventh Circuit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Circuit        | <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Circuit   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second Circuit       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ninth Circuit    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Third Circuit        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenth Circuit    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth Circuit       | <input type="checkbox"/> Eleventh Circuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fifth Circuit        | <input type="checkbox"/> D.C. Circuit     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth Circuit        | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Circuit  |

### Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First Circuit - BAP  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth Circuit - BAP  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Circuit - BAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ninth Circuit - BAP  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tenth Circuit - BAP  |

### District Courts

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All District Courts |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Middle                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Northern    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Northern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Central     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada                   | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Southern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Southern    | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire            | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Northern     | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey               | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Eastern      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Southern     | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico               | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Middle       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Eastern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa Northern        | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Eastern         | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Western      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Western               | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa Southern        | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Northern        | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Eastern          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Central             | <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas               | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Southern        | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Northern         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Eastern             | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Eastern     | <input type="checkbox"/> New York Western         | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Southern         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Northern            | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Western     | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Eastern   | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Western          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Southern            | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Eastern    | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Middle    | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Middle     | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Western   | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermont                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Western    | <input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota             | <input type="checkbox"/> Virgin Islands         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delaware                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Maine                | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mariana Islands | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Eastern       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia           | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Northern            | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Western       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Middle                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Southern            | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Eastern     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Northern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Eastern     | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma Eastern         | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Western     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Southern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Western     | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma Northern        | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia Northern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Northern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota            | <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma Western         | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia Southern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Middle                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Northern | <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin Eastern      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Southern               | <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Southern | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Eastern     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin Western      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guam                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Eastern     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Middle      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Western     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Western     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana              | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico              |   |

**Bankruptcy Courts**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Bankruptcy Courts |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Middle        | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Northern    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Northern      | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Central     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada                   | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Southern      | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Southern    | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire            | <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska                | <input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Northern     | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey               | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Eastern      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii                | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Western     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Western     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana              | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico              |   |

**National Courts**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Panel on<br>Multidistrict Litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Court of<br>Federal Claims | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Court of<br>International Trade |
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2.) I am an individual associated with Boston College

3.) Please summarize why the case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service is needed and how it will be used. Also, please explain why an exemption from the courts identified is necessary. If you need more space, please provide in an attachment.

I am an Accounting Ph.D. candidate at Boston College interested in studying the effects of beneficial ownership in securities litigation cases filed in federal district courts. The PACER system is the central repository for the certificates required to be filed within each district court that are required for my study. The documents are not accessible through other sources such as AuditAnalytics or the Stanford Securities Class Action Clearinghouse and not reliably accessible through providers such as LexisNexis. The documents will be used to support empirical research that aims to be published in a top academic journal. The fees associated with searching for the specific documents for thousands of securities cases will provide an undue burden on research aimed to advance public awareness of contemporary issues facing the U.S. court system. Only the statistical analysis performed on the documents/cases will be published. Journal editors/reviewers may request to view (not disseminate) some documents.

4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:

- a) An exemption from the Judicial Conference's EPA Fee is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.
- b) That the exemption will be for a definitive period of time: December 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
- c) I understand that this fee exemption will apply only to me, will be valid only for the purposes stated above, and will apply only to the electronic case files of the court(s) indicated above that are available through the PACER service.
- d) I agree that any data received through this exemption will not be sold for profit, will not be transferred, will not be used for commercial purposes, and will not be redistributed via the Internet.

**Declaration:** I declare that all the above information is true and understand that a false statement ☒ may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees. (The box must be marked or your request will not be considered)

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Ph.D Candidate

Applicant's Title

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Dec 1, 2020

Date

Please submit your completed, signed request via email to [Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov) or by mail to:

Attention: Multi-Court Exemptions  
 Court Programs Division  
 DPS-CSO-PRGD  
 One Columbus Circle, N.E.  
 Washington, DC 20544

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